

City Of North Miami

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Special Meeting, 2nd Budget Hearing

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6:00 P.M.*



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**SPECIAL MEETING
2nd BUDGET HEARING**

SEPTEMBER 20th, 2016

The second budget hearing of the North Miami City Council was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on Wednesday, September 20th, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

(Phonetic spelling of each speaker's name may be used throughout the minutes unless correct spelling is known.)

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Mayor Bien-Aime: The Budget meeting is called to order. Mr. Clerk, could you do roll call please?

ROLL CALL	Mayor Joseph	Here
	Councilman Galvin	Here
	Councilman Bien-Aime	Here
	Councilwoman Keys	Here
	Vice-Mayor Desulme	Here

City Clerk Etienne: We have a quorum Mayor.

Mayor Joseph: Let me remind everyone, this is a Special Meeting with one or two items in the agenda. Just in preparation of ratifying our Budget for the year 2016 – 2017. So with that being said...

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Joseph: I think...let's continue with Pledge of Allegiance.

3. INVOCATION

- *None*

4. ORDER OF BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

TAB A

Mayor Joseph: Thank you very much. We may be seated. We'll go straight to Tab A, Mr. Clerk. Tab A, we will do first.

City Clerk Etienne: Absolutely Mayor. And for the record, I have to read the resolution to the ordinances in its entirety.

City Clerk Etienne: (reads resolution by title only)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 7.5000 MILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2017; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES

City Clerk Etienne: Whereas, the City of North Miami Florida (CITY) has considered, an operating budget for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 in accordance with the provisions of Section 200.065 Florida Statutes as amended from time to time and whereas, the millage rate necessary to fund the City's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 is 7.5000 mills which is less than the roll back rate of 7.5241 mills by 0.3203 percent. And whereas, in accordance with Section 200.065 (5) Florida Statutes as amended from time to time, a majority vote of the Mayor and City Council is required to adopt a rate of up to 7.5000 mills. And whereas, the Mayor and City Council find that the adoption of the proposed final millage rate for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 is in the best interest of the City. Now therefore be it duly resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida. Section 1, adoption of final millage rate. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida hereby adopt 7.5000 mills as the final millage rate on assessed property value necessary to fund the City's Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 operating budget. Section 2, effective date; this resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption. Passed and adopted by a blank vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami this blank day of September 2016.

Mayor Joseph: Mr. Budget Director, my understanding is we are saving the property owners about \$1.8 million dollars by going to 7.5000, right?

Assistant Budget Director Henley: By changing...by adopting 7.5000...

Mayor Joseph: From 7.9.

Assistant Budget Director Henley: ...from 7.9 its one million dollars.

Mayor Joseph: \$1.8 million.

Assistant Budget Director Henley: One million.

Mayor Joseph: One million. So how do we stay...is that because of (inaudible) into account the increase in the property values as well?

Assistant Budget Director Henley: Property values rose eight and a half percent Citywide and then there was also some...with the new tax roll, there's new construction and stuff that wasn't on the tax roll the prior year that's on the tax roll this year.

Mayor Joseph: Thank you. Public Hearing is now open for the millage rate item that's before you. The proposition is for us to decrease from a millage of 7.9336 to 7.5000. I see no one coming for comment from the audience so we come to the dais for further discussion. Any comments or questions on the millage rate?

Vice-Mayor Desulme: Mr. Mayor? Go ahead Councilman.

Councilman Bien-Aime: Like we said before, for the past few years the residents have been paying a high property tax base because of the millage rate. And we understand that we had financial issue before. And now since we are making progress and I think we need to give it back to the residents. That's why today we...the Body, the governing Body of the City of North Miami decide to lower taxes, property taxes on residents living in the City. And I think that's a great accomplishment. We're able not long to balance our Budget with a lot of money for infrastructure but also lower taxes on people. I'm so happy to be a part of it. Thank you.

Mayor Joseph: Any other comment?

Councilwoman Keys: Motion to approve.

Mayor Joseph: Second.

City Clerk Etienne: I have a motion made by Councilwoman Keys to approve Tab A as read on the record. That motion was seconded by Mayor Smith Joseph.

ROLL CALL

Councilman Bien-Aime	Yes
Vice-Mayor Desulme	Yes
Mayor Joseph	Yes
Councilman Galvin	Yes
Councilwoman Keys	Yes

City Clerk Etienne: Item passes with a 5 – 0 vote. So I'm going to read the resolution in its entirety again but this time with the vote. Whereas, the City of North Miami Florida (CITY) has considered, an operating budget for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 in accordance with the provisions of Section 200.065 Florida Statutes as amended from time to time and whereas, the millage rate necessary to fund the City's operating budget for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 is 7.5000 mills which is less than the roll back rate of 7.5241 mills by 0.3203 percent. And whereas, in accordance with Section 200.065 (5) Florida Statutes as amended from time to time, a majority vote of the Mayor and City Council is required to adopt a rate of up to 7.5000 mills. And whereas, the Mayor and City Council find that the adoption of the proposed final millage rate for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 is in the best interest of the City. Now therefore be it duly resolved by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida. Section 1, adoption of final millage rate. The Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida hereby adopt 7.5000 mills as the final millage rate on assessed property value necessary to fund the City's Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 operating budget. Section 2, effective date; this resolution shall become effective immediately upon adoption. Passed and adopted by a 5 – 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami this 20th day of September 2016.

TAB B

City Clerk Etienne: Mayor, is it okay to move on to Tab B?

Mayor Joseph: Yeah, Tab B now.

City Clerk Etienne: And please bear with us, I have to read this Tab in its entirety.

City Clerk Etienne: (reads ordinance by title only)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017; AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT

TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY FOR THE 2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS ESTABLISHED BY THE BUDGET; AUTHORIZING A “RETURN ON INVESTMENT” TRANSFER FROM THE WATER & SEWER UTILITY FUND TO THE GENERAL FUND; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS (REVENUE AND/OR EXPENDITURE) TO APPROPRIATE OR UNAPPROPRIATE FUNDS AS REQUIRED DURING THE FISCAL YEAR, AND TO AMEND THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR BUDGET TO FACILITATE THE YEAR-END CLOSING PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk Etienne: Whereas, the Budget of the City of North Miami, Florida (CITY) for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017 (attached hereto as “Exhibit 1”) was considered at public hearings held on September 6th, 2016, and September 20th, 2016, as required by Chapter 200, Florida Statutes; and whereas, the Mayor and City Council wish to approve and adopt the Budget of the City for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017, and to authorize that this amount be raised by taxation for the operation of the City for the 2016 – 2017 Fiscal Year. Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida that Section 1, Budget Approved and Adopted. The Budget of the City of North Miami for the 2016 – 2017 Fiscal Year, (attached hereto as ‘Exhibit 1’), is hereby approved and adopted. Section 2, Implement Budget Amendments. The City Manager is hereby, authorized to implement Budget amendments (revenue and/or expenditure) by resolution, to appropriate or un-appropriate funds as required during the fiscal year, and to amend the prior fiscal year budget to facilitate the year-end closing process. Section 3, Expenditure of Funds Appropriated in the Authorized Budget. Funds appropriated to the various departments in the Budget may be expended by the directors of each department by and with the approval of the City Manager in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter and applicable Ordinances. Expenditures of funds (including, but not limited to enterprise funds, internal service funds and expendable trust funds) under circumstances which additional revenues are generated by user fees or charges to offset the cost of supplying a service to residents or other City departments, shall not be limited by estimated appropriations, but rather by actual revenue, and to that extent, the actual revenue received shall be deemed to be appropriated. Section 4, Return on Investment of Water and Sewer Fund Assets. The Budget includes a transfer from the Water and Sewer Operation and Maintenance Fund to the General Fund representing the return on investment that taxpayers would receive if the utility were sold. The transfer for the 2016 – 2017 Fiscal Year is calculated at 6.5% of Fixed Assets as of September 30, 2015. This transfer may be made annually

but will not exceed 7.5% of the utility's net Fixed Assets. Section 5, Checks. All checks on City bank accounts shall be signed by any member of the City Council and the Finance Director. Section 6, Amount of Taxes. The approximate amount of \$19,525,764.00 shall be the amount of gross taxes to be raised by the operating ad valorem tax levy authorized by Resolution of the Mayor and City Council. Section 7, Authority of Manager. The City Manager is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents and instruments and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the transactions contemplated by this Ordinance. Section 8, Repeal. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict or inconsistent are repealed. Section 9, Severability. If any word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect any other word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance. Section 10, Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage on second reading. Passed and adopted by a blank vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami on first reading. This blank day of blank, 2016; passed and adopted by a blank vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami on second reading this blank day of 2016.

Vice-Mayor Desulme: Is this the Budget Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Joseph: Um-hm. We have to...now this item is open to the public. If there is anyone in the public who wishes to be heard on the Budget item. Be reminded that this is not a new item because we've had many meetings, preliminary meetings (inaudible) come to the second reading. And hopefully you in the public have had the opportunity to go online. It is online right? I see no one coming for questions or comments so we'll come to the dais.

Vice-Mayor Desulme: Mr. Mayor, if you'll allow me.

Mayor Joseph: Go ahead.

Vice-Mayor Desulme: It seems all of us, I guess the residents got something from this Budget and Staff. And I'm very, very happy. I'm always one who do feel that we must pay folks what they're making and I do applaud the Budget Department for working diligently for this. However, I just want to say this and just say it publicly. Upon passing of this Budget, I know we gave the residents a little relief. But please Mr. Manager work on customer service at City Hall. Because that's a number one complaint that I have received and I've seen it in action myself. And when we...especially for me, let me speak for me. I know I fight a lot for the residents. Please find it somewhere Mr. Deputy. Somewhere when we're talking about the residents cause everybody should be okay. And I'm okay with the fact that I know I'm speaking in code. But I'm okay that in fact that everybody's okay. But I don't want hear nothing when

we're talking about something for the residents. That's all. And thank you guys. You guys did a good job, Terry and your entire staff. Thank you.

Mayor Joseph: All right Councilwoman.

Councilwoman Keys: Just a couple of questions. Again Terry, Arthur great job with the Budget. Great job with finding additional...I hate to use the word find. Allocating additional funds to a lot of our requests. So thank you on that. On housing rehab we've added \$400,000.00. I had two questions on that. One, is that going to be a lottery? How is that going to be decided? And two, how is it going to be allocated? Is it going to be per district you each get a quarter or is it? I want it to be done fair.

Councilman Bien-Aime: No that's for District 3.

Councilwoman Keys: Right, again yes. Thank you. No problem.

Mayor Joseph: Are you finished Councilwoman?

Councilwoman Keys: Just on the rehab. I can get going. So those are my two questions. I want to make sure \$400,000.00 is great. It goes really fast. There's going to be a lot more people I think. Then it's going to be a lot more need than money allocated. So I want to make sure it isn't just first come/first serve or certain people find out about it and they're first in line. So I'm hoping we're going to do a lottery, number one. And it doesn't matter when you come, you got however many days for a lottery and everybody gets a chance, which is fair. I would love to see it allocated so my district could get 25%.

Councilman Bien-Aime: You don't have 25% of people in need in your district.

Councilwoman Keys: That's true. For single family, you're absolutely right. I have a lot of need.

Councilman Bien-Aime: You don't I say.

Councilwoman Keys: But probably that's going to meet these requirements, maybe not. But at least I want the lottery. Number two, I don't want to step on anybody's toes, I don't know who requested a Governmental Affairs position. I don't have...and I'm not necessarily objecting. But I did request a job description of this. We had one many years, we haven't funded it. We haven't had one in the past I believe Natasha was our Governmental Affairs. Quite a lot of the job descriptions include grant writing, grant monitoring which Natasha's doing an excellent job.

Councilman Bien-Aime: Where is she?

Councilwoman Keys: Great job Natasha. Thank you.

Councilman Bien-Aime: Where is she? She's not here.

Councilwoman Keys: Yes, she's in the back. And then secondly there's a lot of...lot of functions in here having to do with interpretation and analysis on proposed and new legislation for Staff. Preparation and draft of legislation. It's a lot of legal type requirements here. So then you go back to the requirements. One of the requirements is, you can be an Associate Degree and have five years of grant writing administration to do this. So that mean you can come out Dade with a two-year degree and all of a sudden be drafting legislation, interpreting legislation as it comes down the pipe. So if we're going to fund this, I'd like to know why this is happening. Why we've got a need for this? And I'd like this...maybe the function...

Mayor Joseph: Are you referring to the paralegal position in the City...

Councilwoman Keys: No this is a Governmental Affairs Manager. But the functions is it, half of it is grant writing and grant management which Natasha's already doing and the other...and a good job. And the other has a lot to do with some legal expertise to be able to read, point out and even draft legislation. So I'd like to know what it is that we're looking for. And then I think we need to readjust the requirements. Because I sure wouldn't want someone two years out of college coming and representing us in front of the...it says they're going to represent the City, State in front of State and Federal governing bodies. I just want to make sure what it is we're looking for. We get the job description down a little bit. More clear as to what we're looking for and also let's adjust the requirements to make sure they're adequate. And that is the end of my comments.

City Manager Spring: Through the Mayor.

Mayor Joseph: Go ahead.

City Manager Spring: Thank you sir. On the housing very quickly, we were in addition to the CDBG allocation that you guys have already approved, we've added this additional amount as a result of the total Council's guidance. The process that we...I think we've settled on and it will generally fair and equitable based on the income requirements and those things that are already in our housing guidelines. But we will pursue a lottery form. This past year and I think in previous years, you've had lines of people outside. Matter of fact, this year the Deputy and I were leaving and at 6 o'clock the night before the solicitation opened, there were already people in line. The Deputy came out at 2 o'clock in the morning and let people in the bathroom. So we're going to

eliminate that process and go through a lottery. So you'll be able to get a...come get a number and then we'll host a lottery at a...

Mayor Joseph: Is lottery the only form accepted by the HUD guidelines?

City Manager Spring: There are a number of forms but they all have to be fair and equitable in process.

Mayor Joseph: Okay they have to be fair but you can't just say and put them all in one box and say all of them are going to be lottery. The Councilperson who has the program should have a say so into the planning, the actual dynamics as well. Let your Councilperson decide okay lottery is fine with me. That's a process I want to go with. But there should be one or two other options.

City Manager Spring: Well we do have those options. The options already exist in our existing housing guidelines. The intent was, as before we got to that process, we wanted to bring the housing guidelines back to the Council for review and approval. But my recommendation and dealing with my Staff is that the lottery based on...

Mayor Joseph: Be one of the processes.

City Manager Spring: Be one of the processes so that it is fair and equitable. And keep in mind, those guidelines call for there to be...you have to meet minimal requirements. So it's not like oh well we'll use \$5.00 here and \$5.00 there type of situation.

Councilman Bien-Aime: We understand. We're going to use the same minimum housing guidelines. The one we've been using...the same requirement of HUD, that's the same ones we're going to use to those people, right?

City Manager Spring: Correct. And they may get modified when it bring it back to the full Board.

Councilman Bien-Aime: Okay you're going to bring the whole...

City Manager Spring: I'm bringing it back to the full Board.

Councilman Bien-Aime: Okay, you're going to bring the lottery as one of the...

City Manager Spring: Heavily recommended suggestions, yes.

Councilman Bien-Aime: But I'm not, you know the reason why. And in a certain way to trust staff. Because on September 1st, how many people were here?

Deputy City Manager Sorey: At 2 o'clock in the morning it was probably about 30 people already here.

Councilman Bien-Aime: Exactly that's why...that mean...I'm pretty much sure you have about 200 people already in your list. And those people you're going to qualify them and make sure will meet the requirement.

City Manager Spring: Well let me address that. One of the things that I saw as a deficiency having done this for years at the City of Miami is this concept of a hold over list.

Councilman Desulme: No.

City Manager Spring: We should have a process every year. People come and compete fairly for that process. Once that process is over...

Vice-Mayor Desulme: We start over.

City Manager Spring: ...we start over.

Councilman Bien-Aime: That's what you've been doing for the past two years. We change that. Tanya, can you come over? We changed that. Don't say that's what we've been doing. We're not using the old list, we changed that.

CPD Director Wilson-Sejour: Tanya Wilson-Sejour, Community Planning and Development. Councilman Bien-Aime is correct. Three years ago the City did abolish the system of a roll over list. We used to have a list of like 800 people and that was eventually abolished by City Council. So each year once it's first come, first served. Everything else is pretty much done away with and then you start fresh the following fiscal year.

Councilman Bien-Aime: I change it. There is no list.

Mayor Joseph: Okay so there is no list. Mr. Mayor, let the record show that there is no more list.

Councilman Bien-Aime: But when you said there is a list, there is no list. And secondly another question, I'm okay with the lottery. The problem is, some people are in real need. Some people need cosmetic stuff like they want to change their windows and you have other people who doesn't even have a roof. That's the only...I

don't know how you're going to address that to make sure the people in need, are the people that benefits the money.

City Manager Spring: My response generally speaking is, since some of this is General Fund money, we can more tightly define what we would be funding. What would be an eligible person, what's an eligible expense as we go forward with the process.

Councilman Bien-Aime: Like roof versus driveway. People going to put up a fence.

City Manager Spring: But I'm going to bring all of that back to the full Council for your consideration.

Vice-Mayor Desulme: Mr. Manager, I am fully in favor of the lottery. I think I started that last year. So how would you do that? Would you do that like the Mayor suggested per district? Because here's the thing, everybody's in need. Because I have people, I walked inside their house, I look up I see the sky. So...and everybody already know in my area that it's going to be a lottery. So it's not up to me to determine if yours is bad, everybody is bad as far as I'm concerned but it's based on your luck. And what I found out when you do it like that through that process in front of them, the transparency, I think Councilman Galvin came. All of you guys came, Councilman Bien-Aime, the Mayor was there. So even the people that wasn't chosen they had issues. They were like well you know what we can't get upset with you because we know that it was done fair. It was done, everybody see it. I said, well you're going to have to try again next year. And some of them did try and I believe they made the list for next year. So I'm fully in favor of that because I don't want to be...

Councilman Bien-Aime: I understand that but Councilman Desulme, they're going to bring it before us for a vote. Not everybody want the lotto.

Vice-Mayor Desulme: That's what I'm asking him? How are you going to do it, per district?

Councilman Bien-Aime: He's going to bring...no, not district. We don't need district.

City Manager Spring: All of that would be brought back to you for your...(inaudible – simultaneous discussion).

Councilman Bien-Aime: It's the list. We put a list of everybody who meet the requirement and...

Councilwoman Keys: By the time we get done with this \$400,000.00 at \$10,000.00 a grant, we're only talking 40 people.

Councilman Bien-Aime: You want it by district?

Mayor Joseph: Now we do understand that we don't even have to discuss that tonight. This can be...all we have to do is approve the money. I'm just saying.

Councilwoman Keys: But only in about 12 people per district.

Councilman Bien-Aime: When you open the application...

Councilwoman Keys: I have 12 and a half, do you one of my halves?

Councilman Bien-Aime: Usually when we open the application...

Councilwoman Keys: You take 13 and I'll take 12.

Councilman Bien-Aime: ...you have 700 from District 4, three or 400 from 3, one from Scott, one from Carol. You've got to go by the City, what the City need. Not by district, I don't...

City Manager Spring: Through the Mayor...

Councilman Bien-Aime: You put everybody who qualify and you're going to do the lottery.

City Manager Spring: So I will bring all of that back to you...

Councilman Bien-Aime: That's better like that.

City Manager Spring: ...as a full Board for your consideration at an immediate future date. And there was one other question I need to address.

Mayor Joseph: I think each of them...I mean I can see that there's going to be more than one. Like each Councilperson is going to want to do something. So why don't we leave it as (inaudible), you and staff and everything and Council will sit down and then decide which process that you would want to go with.

Councilwoman Keys: Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Joseph: And then you...(inaudible – simultaneous discussion). But like I said, the lottery is not the only process approved by the HUD guidelines.

Councilwoman Keys: Mr. Mayor, I'm willing to give up the quarter if it's...we're really one City. This is all one City, we don't have to do it by district. As long as it's by lottery and everybody in the City gets a fair shake, I'm okay with that.

Councilman Bien-Aime: Yeah, I'm okay with everybody...

Mayor Joseph: Yeah but my objection with the lottery is the same point that Councilman Bien-Aime tried to make. I may have a problem with my house but I may be making a little bit more than this 75 year old who's on a fixed income. She has a roof that's leaking profusely. And I may have just windows and driveways, which is less important than the actual roof. And I may win the lottery and the 65, 75 year old woman doesn't. So how fair is that?

Vice-Mayor Desulme: It's very fair because there's a process. You may have a senior...

Councilman Bien-Aime: Let's not discuss that...

Councilwoman Keys: We can vote on this later.

Councilman Bien-Aime: Can we vote and then we talk about that later? Let's allocate the money.

City Manager Spring: I was just going to make the point that I'll bring this all back.

Mayor Joseph: I will vote for a different process to be accepted not just one process.

City Manager Spring: I'm going to bring it all back...

Councilman Bien-Aime: All we are doing is allocating the money.

Mayor Joseph: Yeah allocating the money tonight.

City Manager Spring: The second issue that the Councilwoman brought us was the issue of the Government Affairs. So let me bifurcate the issue similarly to what we just did now. What we're asking for is the funding of the position. That was based on a recommendation that came from the dais from the last meeting. With regards to the job description, that was the existing job description that was there. Based on some of the feedback I've already gotten today, that job description can be changed, modified and focused on what we need to achieve in regards to Government Affairs. Something that

you guys...I hate mentioning staff names at these meetings because it's not about Susie, Mae or John Smith who's doing it. It's about the function.

Mayor Joseph: It's about the Pocahontas.

City Manager Spring: We can call it Pocahontas but it's about making sure we do the job function and that's what I'll be focused on. Is if we have a set of deliverables, I know what you want to achieve. I know what I need to achieve for the City. We can guide that person that way. Just for note, every municipality, every governmental entity I've ever done any business with or worked for, always has that function in their CEO's office or in their Manager's office. And it is some of the things that you see there. Mostly liaison between State, Federal and intergovernmental, so the school boards the City so on and so forth. Their grant writing or grant activities are usually about identifying the opportunity at the State level or the Federal level. And then coming back and working with the individual departments to actually develop the grant application and submit.

Councilman Bien-Aime: You're talking a real qualifying Governmental Affair not just someone?

City Manager Spring: It is a real qualified Governmental Affairs. So I think you guys...

Councilman Bien-Aime: Are you going to put Natasha out of work?

City Manager Spring: Again I don't like mentioning names. Natasha is doing a great job so let's just leave her alone.

Mayor Joseph: Are we going to try to recruit from the inside first or its going to open to the public?

City Manager Spring: I would have to consider what type of experience I have on my staff to be able to pursue that type of...

Councilman Bien-Aime: If we need a real Governmental Affairs, open it outside for everybody. It would be better. We would have the best of the best.

City Manager Spring: I will as Charter requires, I will make that decision when I get there.

Mayor Joseph: I have another question. Actually it's a concern that I became aware of in the past couple of weeks. The Department of Housing, they seem to have a lot of part timers.

City Manager Spring: Our Department of Housing?

Mayor Joseph: Yeah. So they seem to have a lot of part timers and my understanding is there is a lot of work to be done and if we want them to be more efficient, and sometimes you have employees. I know this is government, this is not private business. But I do listen to my employees, to my MA's because that affect productivity and efficiency. If they're constantly saying that they need more help, that they would like to have more full timers so that the employees that are there would have a little bit more time for them to go home a little bit earlier. And I think we should keep our ears open and consider that. If you could look into the Budget and see if you can allocate some money for some more full timers in the Housing, I think it would be a good thing.

City Manager Spring: So we will definitely look at it. Just so you know, we got there looking back because of all the reductions that the Federal Government hit us with on the entitlement, which also funded the staff. So the part timers was a means of being able to hit some of the needed functions but not have a full time salary person with the additional cost. But I absolutely...as you know, I have a lot of experience in the world of managing practices and understanding. As you get more part timers those FTEs translate to a full body and you do the conversion for that. So absolutely Mayor, I'll look into that.

Mayor Joseph: Any other comments? Questions?

Councilman Galvin: Move approval of the Budget.

Councilman Bien-Aime: Second.

City Clerk Etienne: I have a motion made Councilman Galvin to approve Tab B our Budget. And that motion was seconded by Councilman Bien-Aime.

ROLL CALL	Councilwoman Keys	Yes
	Councilman Bien-Aime	Yes
	Vice-Mayor Desulme	Yes
	Mayor Joseph	Yes
	Councilman Galvin	Yes

City Clerk Etienne: Okay I'm going to go ahead read this in its entirety again.

Whereas, the Budget of the City of North Miami, Florida (CITY) for the Fiscal Year commencing October 1, 2016 and ending September 30, 2017 (attached hereto as "Exhibit 1") was considered at public hearings held on September 6th, 2016, and

September 20th, 2016, as required by Chapter 200, Florida Statutes; and whereas, the Mayor and City Council wish to approve and adopt the Budget of the City for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016, and ending September 30, 2017, and to authorize that this amount be raised by taxation for the operation of the City for the 2016 – 2017 Fiscal Year. Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami, Florida that Section 1, Budget Approved and Adopted. The Budget of the City of North Miami for the 2016 – 2017 Fiscal Year, (attached hereto as ‘Exhibit 1”), is hereby approved and adopted. Section 2, Implement Budget Amendments. The City Manager is hereby, authorized to implement Budget amendments (revenue and/or expenditure) by resolution, to appropriate or un-appropriate funds as required during the fiscal year, and to amend the prior fiscal year budget to facilitate the year-end closing process. Section 3, Expenditure of Funds Appropriated in the Authorized Budget. Funds appropriated to the various departments in the Budget may be expended by the directors of each department by and with the approval of the City Manager in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter and applicable Ordinances. Expenditures of funds (including, but not limited to enterprise funds, internal service funds and expendable trust funds) under circumstances which additional revenues are generated by user fees or charges to offset the cost of supplying a service to residents or other City departments, shall not be limited by estimated appropriations, but rather by actual revenue, and to that extent, the actual revenue received shall be deemed to be appropriated. Section 4, Return on Investment of Water and Sewer Fund Assets. The Budget includes a transfer from the Water and Sewer Operation and Maintenance Fund to the General Fund representing the return on investment that taxpayers would receive if the utility were sold. The transfer for the 2016 – 2017 Fiscal Year is calculated at 6.5% of Fixed Assets as of September 30, 2015. This transfer may be made annually but will not exceed 7.5% of the utility’s net Fixed Assets. Section 5, Checks. All checks on City bank accounts shall be signed by any member of the City Council and the Finance Director. Section 6, Amount of Taxes. The approximate amount of \$19,525,764.00 shall be the amount of gross taxes to be raised by the operating ad valorem tax levy authorized by Resolution of the Mayor and City Council. Section 7, Authority of Manager. The City Manager is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents and instruments and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the transactions contemplated by this Ordinance. Section 8, Repeal. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict or inconsistent are repealed. Section 9, Severability. If any word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph, or section of this Ordinance is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect any other word, clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance. Section 10, Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage on second reading. Passed and adopted by a 5 – 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami on first reading. This 6th day of September, 2016; passed and adopted by a 5 - 0 vote of the Mayor and City Council of the City of North Miami on second reading this 20th say of September 2016.

City Clerk Etienne: Tab C. Mayor, may I commence with Tab C?

Mayor Joseph: I'm sorry can I...Mr. Attorney on Section 10, Effective Date. It's effective immediately or...I thought it's supposed to be October 1st.

City Manager Spring: The ordinance is effective...

Mayor Joseph: The ordinance but not the Budget. Nothing can be touched in the Budget until October 1st?

City Attorney Cazeau: Right, the Budget begins October 1st. This just becomes effective as our Budget that begins on October 1st.

Mayor Joseph: That's why we always need a lawyer to clear things up.

TAB C

Mayor Joseph: Tab C.

City Clerk Etienne: (reads resolution by title only)

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE NORTH MIAMI COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2017 BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TRANSMIT THE CRA FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2017 BUDGET TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE APPROVAL PROCESS FOR THE CRA FISCAL YEAR 2016 – 2017 BUDGET WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR ALL OTHER PURPOSES

Councilman Galvin: Move approval.

Councilwoman Keys: Second.

Mayor Joseph: Do we need public hearing?

City Manager Spring: You should take public comments.

Mayor Joseph: Public comments. This is the CRA Budget item that was presented one hour earlier and it's now to be before the Council to be approved in our regular Budget meeting. So public hearing is open now. If anyone wish to be heard but I see no one coming. Public hearing is closed.

Councilman Galvin: Move approval.

Mayor Joseph: Second.

City Clerk Etienne: I have a motion made by Councilman Galvin to approve Tab C. That motion was then seconded by Mayor Smith Joseph.

ROLL CALL	Councilman Galvin	Yes
	Councilwoman Keys	Yes
	Councilman Bien-Aime	Yes
	Vice-Mayor Desulme	Yes
	Mayor Joseph	Yes

City Clerk Etienne: Tab C is passed with a 5 – 0 vote.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Galvin: Move to adjourn.

Mayor Joseph: Before the adjournment. I'm sorry. Scott it's only 6:40.

Councilwoman Keys: Second.

Mayor Joseph: I would be remised if I didn't thank on record Miami-Dade County Commission members who actually fought with us, they stood by us on this item. And I want to mention specifically Commissioner Ziggy Suarez. I did reach out to him and I reached to some other members for support of the passing of this item. So with that, because of that we pretty much (inaudible) that we're in and our CRA will continue to flourish. And we'll continue to be the City on the Move. So thank you very much everyone.

Councilman Galvin: Move to adjourn.

Mayor Joseph: Second. Meeting adjourned.